

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 229

By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Benjamin Owen
Hankemeier, 2003 Valedictorian of
Westmoreland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Owen Hankemeier is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Westmoreland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Benjamin has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his stellar academic achievements, Benjamin is active in football, baseball, and the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Operation Catapult Summer Program in Engineering for Talented Youth in his junior year; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Dusty and Terry Marcum, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, he plans to attend Tennessee Technological University in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Owen Hankemeier's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Westmoreland High School Valedictorian, Benjamin Owen Hankemeier, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.